

## **Kristen Lawton Barry, Ph.D.**

Associate Director, Department of Veterans Affairs National Serious Mental Illness Treatment  
Research and Evaluation Center (SMITREC)

Senior Associate Research Scientist, Department of Psychiatry, University of Michigan

### **Research Interests**

Evaluation of services for veterans with serious mental illness

Treatment effectiveness for adults with serious mental illness

Alcohol problem detection/brief interventions in the emergency department and  
primary care settings

Geriatric health: alcohol use and mental health issues

### **Current VA Research**

Psychosis Registry: tracking access and service use of all veterans with psychosis

VA HSR&D: Determinants of Treatment Retention for Veterans with Psychoses

### **Other Current Research/Funded**

NIAAA: Tailored Alcohol Messages in the Emergency Department

Ethel & James Flinn Family Foundation : Screening and Brief Intervention for Patients

Presenting to the Psychiatric Emergency Service (PES) With Major Mental  
Illnesses and At-Risk Drinking

NIAAA: Preventing Harm from Alcohol Use in Older Adults

### **Recent Peer Reviewed Publications**

Health care utilization by older alcohol-using veterans: Effects of a brief intervention to reduce  
at-risk drinking. Health Education & Behavior, 30(3); 305-321, 2003.

Effect of strengths model versus assertive community treatment model on participant outcomes  
and utilization: two-year follow-up. Psychiatric Rehabilitation Journal, 26(3):268-77,  
2003.

At risk drinking among injured older adults presenting to the Emergency Department. Academic  
Emergency Medicine, 10(5): 536, 2003.

Use of alcohol screening and brief interventions in primary care settings: Implementation and  
barriers, Substance Abuse, in press.

### **Education & Experience**

Associate Director, SMITREC, Veterans Health Administration 1996-present

Senior Associate Research Scientist, Department of Psychiatry, University of  
Michigan 1996-present

Associate Director/Associate Research Scientist, Office of Alcohol and  
Addiction Studies, Department of Family Medicine, University of  
Wisconsin 1990-96

Ph.D., Human Development and Family Studies, University of Wisconsin 1988

M.S., Human Development and Family Studies, University of Wisconsin 1981